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FROM: James A. Noyes
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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT JULY 28, 2003, MEETING

On July 28, 2003, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the June 23, 2003, meeting is attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item IV, the Chairman reported that the California Transportation Commission allocated \$3.7 million in funds for right-of-way purposes on the Temple Avenue Train Diversion and Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation projects.

Under Agenda Item V, the Chief Executive Officer reported that the East End Avenue and Reservoir Street grade separations will be advertised for bids in September 2003 under one construction contract.

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Temple Avenue Train Diversion design contract with HDR Engineering by increasing the contract value by \$499,569 to a new contract value of \$4,157,595. The increase is needed to provide for design support during the bidding and construction phases of the project. The bidding and construction support element is typically part of the ACE Construction Authority's initial award of a design contract but is not funded until design is complete.

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on August 25, 2003, at Irwindale City Hall at 1 p.m.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office



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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, July 28, 2003, 1 P.M. Irwindale City Hall - Council Chambers 5050 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706

**NOTE: CHANGE
IN MEETING
TIME!**

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three- minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion.

All items set forth on this agenda may be subject to action.

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| I. | Roll Call and Introductions | |
| II. | Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of June 23, 2003 (Pages 1-4) | Action |
| III. | Public Comment | |
| IV. | Chairman's Remarks | Information |
| | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 5-13) | Information |
| VI. | Approval of Design Services Contract Amendment for Temple Avenue Train Diversion with HDR Engineering (Page 14) | Action |
| VII. | Quarterly Report (Pages 15-32) | Information |
| VIII. | Closed Session: Conference with Real Property Negotiators in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 | Possible Action |
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Property Address: 2745 E. Valley Blvd. West Covina, CA
Agency Negotiators: Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners/Joe Montes, Burke, Williams & Sorenson, LLP
Negotiating Parties: ACE Construction Authority and Pillars of Faith Church
Matters under negotiation: Price and Terms | | |
| IX. | Adjournment | |

The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdictions: the City of El Monte, the City of Industry, the City of Montebello, the City of San Gabriel, the City of Pomona, the County of Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority
Regular Board Meeting
June 23, 2003 Minutes**

Chairman Harry Baldwin called the meeting to order at the Irwindale Council Chambers on Monday, June 23, 2003 at 2:05 PM.

1. In attendance were:

Harry Baldwin, Chair, San Gabriel
Ernie Gutierrez, El Monte
Ed Vasquez, Montebello
Ed Cortez, Pomona
Bob Huff, SGVCOG, Diamond Bar
Paul Eaton, Ex Officio, SANBAG

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer
Lee Dolley, Legal Counsel
Sharon Neely, staff
Deanna Stanley, staff
Bruce Armistead, staff
Robert Alvarez, staff
Cynthia Ambrose, staff
April See, staff

Guests

Robert Van Riel, Senator Nell Soto
Vijay Kopparam, Caltrans District 7
Prakdu Sureli, MACTEC
Greg Jaquez, LA Co. DPW
Pat Sommerville, DMJM+Harris
Tom Melendrez, City of Ontario
Michael Tahan, Caltrop

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of May 26, 2003

A motion was made to approve the May 26, 2003 meeting minutes.
M/S/C: Cortez/Gutierrez/Unanimous

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that the Nogales Street groundbreaking ceremony held on Wednesday, May 28th was well attended by local, state and federal officials. Despite the heat, he indicated that the speakers did an excellent job and that Congressman David Dreier was an outstanding keynote speaker on behalf of the ACE Project. Chairman Baldwin indicated he received many compliments and thanked the staff for their hard work. Chairman Baldwin reported that the California Transportation Commission at their June 26th meeting would consider a \$3.7 million request for right-of-way funds for the Ramona Street grade separation. He noted that he had transmitted a letter to Esteban Torres, CTC Board Member on behalf of the Board requesting his support for releasing the right-of-way funds.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Richmond indicated that as requested by the Board, staff has contacted both the MTA and ACTA regarding rail traffic reports and there was nothing new to report from those contacts. He further reported a more recent train count taken in Pomona showed a daily count of 64 trains, which was close to the traffic projections of the original ACE study. He indicated he remained optimistic with the projections and that staff would continue to monitor train counts and report back accordingly. Mr. Richmond introduced new employee April See, financial analyst and indicated her extensive experience with Caltrans programs would be a great help to the Authority. Mr. Richmond provided an update on the Mission Road safety improvements and showed before and after pictures of the crossing and adjacent signal intersection. Jim Connolly, Bechtel-Korve Program Manager, provided a summary of the activities over the last month.

6. Approval of Baldwin Avenue Grade Crossing Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Mr. Richmond reviewed the 45-day public comment review process. A notice was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, made available at City Hall, El Monte public libraries, ACE offices, and ACE website. The CEO indicated that three open houses meetings were held on the proposed project at Baldwin. The CEO summarized the proposed property acquisitions required for the Baldwin Avenue grade separation. The project includes closure of Baldwin Avenue with proposed traffic detours during construction. He reminded the Board that this project was one where funding was potentially impacted by the State's budget deficit. Based upon the information contained in the initial study and comments received, the CEO indicated that there was no substantial evidence that the Project may have a significant negative adverse effect on the environment after application of the mitigation measures. A motion was made to: review the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (ISEA) for the Baldwin Avenue grade separation project; approve the

proposed Mitigated Monitoring Plan; adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and approve the Baldwin Avenue grade separation project.

M/S/C: Gutierrez/Huff/Unanimous

7. Approval of Contract Amendment for Brea Canyon Road Design Services with DMJM+Harris

Mr. Richmond indicated that design is nearing completion; however, staff's request to amend the contract was primarily due to two changes in the design of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation. He reviewed the Union Pacific requested additional infrastructure to support future expansion, which requires a redesign of the UPRR bridge substructure (foundations, abutments, and caps), as well as revisions to the deck structure. The City of Industry has requested a roadway widening and Metrolink pedestrian improvements to accommodate platform improvements. He indicated the City of Industry would pay for the roadway widening and Metrolink station pedestrian improvements. A motion was made authorize the Chief Executive Officer amend the contract with DMJM+Harris to increase the contract value by \$445,300 to a new contract value of \$2,684,759, a portion of the contract value funded by the City of Industry.

M/S/C: Huff/Cortez/Unanimous

8. Approval of Program Management Incremental Scope of Services for Fiscal Year '04

Mr. Richmond reviewed the process of the program management task approvals. He reviewed the deliverables and the budgets per task. The services included program management support for procurements; contract management; environmental services; railroad design support; document control; public outreach, utility support; right-of-way support; hazardous material and water treatment support. A motion was made to approve the incremental scope of services for program management services by Bechtel/Korve JV to cover July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$7,975,928 for a revised contract total of \$32,371,404.

M/S/C: Gutierrez/Cortez/Unanimous

9. Approval of Ongoing Authority Support Services Contract Amendments

Mr. Richmond summarized the staff report on page 40 of the agenda. He noted seven contractors provided the services on an ongoing basis. Mr. Richmond summarized the basis for the recommended renewals. A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend or issue annual task orders for support services from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for the following firms:
Womble, Carlyle annual task order for \$172,000;
Capital Representation Group contract amendment for \$65,000;
Padilla & Associates annual task order for \$340,000;
Arimax Financial Services contract amendment for \$12,000;
Burke, Williams & Sorensen contract extension through 2004;

Edwards Eichel & Beranek annual task order for \$23,000; and,
Big Independent Cities Excess Pool (BICEP) contract amendment for \$80,000
M/S/C: Gutierrez/Cortez/Unanimous

10. Approval of Contract Amendment for Support of the IR/RIS Project with Automated Switching and Controls, Inc.

Mr. Richmond indicated that the amendment for this contract was primarily for costs associated with providing power to Train Presence and Speed Detector (TPSD) locations originally thought to be provided by Southern California Edison. He indicated the pilot stage of the IR/RIS project was complete and the full demonstration phase will begin soon which will require power to nineteen TPSD locations. A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with Automatic Switching and Controls, Inc. to increase the contract dollar amount by \$152,735 to a new contract value of \$803,345 and extend the effective contract completion date to February 28, 2004.

M/S/C: Cortez/Gutierrez/Unanimous

11. Compensation of Chief Executive Officer

The Chairman indicated that per discussion at the last Board meeting, the Board indicated that they were extremely pleased with the performance of the CEO. They noted his cost effectiveness in reducing the project budget from \$950 million to \$910 million; the success of the Jump Start Program; and the recent construction on the Nogales Blvd. Grade separation project. The Chairman noted that per the discussion at the last meeting, he had consulted with the Vice Chair and Past Chair regarding the CEO's compensation. Member Huff noted that a salary increase was justified and considered in all previous reviews. He indicated that Mr. Richmond declined an increase in prior evaluations and asked to use those pooled funds to accommodate salary adjustments for staff. Mr. Gutierrez inquired as to comparable salaries for CEO's of other similar local agencies. The Board discussed salaries, agency structure and tasks most similar to those of the Authority. Chairman Baldwin indicated the Metro Blue/Gold Line was most similar. After discussion a motion was made to increase the annual salary of Rick Richmond by 13% effective his employment anniversary date with an option for distribution in deferred compensation.

M/S/C: Gutierrez/Cortez/Unanimous

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM